



DAYTON FIRE DEPARTMENT GUIDELINES FOR TENTS, VENDORS, OUTDOOR EVENTS, FAIRS AND FESTIVALS

1. **COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS:** Hay, straw, shavings or similar combustible materials shall not be located within or next to any tent.
2. **COOKING OR EXPOSED FLAMES AROUND TENTS:** Charcoal, gas, or gasoline cooking devices or any other unapproved open flame device shall not be permitted to be located within 20 feet of any tent used for assembly purposes or open to the public.
3. **COOKING TENTS:** Any tent used for COOKING must be located at least 20 feet from all other tents, and shall be occupied only by persons utilizing the space for cooking processes. The sides of the tent must be kept open for quick egress. No one else may come in/under the tent.
4. **SMOKING:** No smoking is allowed in, under or alongside any tent or in any area where combustible material is present (example, around paper, hay, straw or combustible displays)
5. **OPEN FLAME DEVICES:** Candles, Sterno or similar open flame devices are not allowed in, under or alongside any tent.

6. **PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:** Dayton Fire Codes require at least one (1) fire extinguisher with a minimum of a 4-A rating or TWO 2-A rated fire extinguishers in each tent. At least one ABC fire extinguisher with a 40-BC rating shall be available for each cooking area that produces grease-laden vapor and/or utilizes oil during the cooking process.
7. **ELECTRICAL:** Follow the National Electrical Code. Trailers must be grounded (typically with a metal ground rod). Use G.F.C.I. protection devices and avoid multi-plug adapters.
8. **LIQUIFIED PETROLEUM (LP) GASES:** Containers waiting for use outside **must not be** located within five (5) feet of the tent, under tents or in the public way. Protect unused or unattended LP tanks from tampering by locking or removing the valve handles. All containers must be protected from vehicle impact and kept secured (tied) so they will not tip, fall or be knocked over. Do not secure to the tent or tent poles.

All LP fuel tanks, piping and cooking-device hook-ups must be checked for leaks with soap/water or other approved means prior to being placed into service.

9. **FIRE LANES:** Provide adequate clear space for emergency vehicles. All entryways, booths, tables and trailers should be set up to maintain a minimum unobstructed roadway width of 12 feet (18 feet is better) and avoiding “dead-ends”.